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How to Spend Your Time.

Three Hours at Avalon.

The great majority of those who visit Avalon come only for a few hours, at least on their first visit. They come over by the morning boat and they return the same afternoon. They reach Avalon about twelve twenty, and as the steamer returns at a quarter to four (out of the season somewhat earlier), this leaves the visitor, at the most, three clear hours for sightseeing.

The pity of it is that so much of these three hours is generally wasted for want of previous knowledge and arrangement.

There are two things that must be done during these three hours: the first is, **lunch**, and the second is a visit to the **Marine Gardens.** The latter is absolutely imperative. To visit Avalon and not see the **Marine Gardens** is like going to Niagara and not seeing the Falls. And as the cravings of hunger are a great bar to any kind of enjoyment, lunch must not be neglected.

What the visitor should do as soon as he leaves the pier is to turn sharp to the right and visit the **Information Bureau**, and, if necessary, exchange his ticket for a special pass for the returning steamer. This is to prevent disappointment in the event of the steamer being crowded. He should then either take lunch at a restaurant or procure it at a grocery store for consumption on his way to the marine gardens in a glass-bottom boat. N. B.—**Sand Dabs** are excellent.

The next thing for him to do is to go to the **Pleasure Pier** and endeavor to fit in a visit to the **Seal Rocks** with his excursion to the **Marine Gardens.** If one of the fast motor boats is starting for **Seal Rocks,** he should make that journey first. It will take about three quarters of an hour, and there will be ample time for a visit to the **Marine Gardens** afterwards. If on the other hand

Glass-bottom Power-boat

Glass-bottom Row-boat

the motor boat has gone, he may take tickets for a later journey in it, and visit the **Marine Gardens** first.

There are two kinds of **glass-bottom** boats, the large **power-boats** which accommodate upwards of one hundred people at a time, and the **row-boats** which

take some sixteen on each trip. One of the large boats usually starts a few minutes after the arrival of the steamer and returns in about an hour, after visiting the **Marine Gardens** in the vicinity of **Abalone Point.** On its return another boat is started on a similar trip. The time when these boats leave is announced by megaphone on the arrival of the steamer.

The comparative advantages of the large and small glass-bottom boats are as follows: the smaller boats can go closer to the rocks, and show portions of the **Gardens** which the larger boats cannot visit. On the other hand, the larger boats will cover a much larger amount of the **Gardens** than the smaller ones. Those who are staying on the Island are strongly advised to use both kinds of glass-bottom boats.

The large power-boats are owned by the Meteor Boat Co. The row-boats are usually owned by the boatman who is in charge.

A Day at Avalon.

People who are remaining one night at Avalon are advised first of all to get lunch and to secure a location for the night, then to visit the **Marine Gardens** at **Sugar Loaf** in a glass-bottom row-boat; at 3 o'clock to take the glass-bottom power-boat to **Seal Rocks.** This will bring them back to Avalon about 4:30. They should then stay on the **Pleasure Pier** and watch the return of the **fishing launches**, the **weighing of the fish,** and the **feeding of the seals;** they should also secure a place for the **night trip in the speed motor-boat;** this must on no account be missed.

7:30 p. m., **Open Air Concert** in **Greek Theatre.** 9 p. m., View, or join in, the dancing in the **Pavilion.** These two engagements must be worked in with the expedition in the speed motor-boat to see the flying fish. If a visitor cares for music and does not care for dancing, he will arrange to go by a late trip in the motor-boat which will probably be the best as the night will be darker. On the other hand, if he wishes to join in the dancing he will make a point of taking a ticket for an early trip in the motor-boat.

Next Morning.

Do not get up to see the sun rise as in summer it is always cloudy in the early morning. Those who wish to make the most of their time will go swimming at half past seven, and then dress and get breakfast, and be ready at 9 o'clock either to take the stage coach to the **Summit,** or the glass-bottom power-boat to **Moonstone Beach,** or the speed motor-boat to the **Isthmus.** All these trips return about 11:30 a. m., and a visit to the **Aquarium** may be made before lunch.

After lunch, visit **Buena Vista Park** by the **Incline Railway,** where an admirable view can be had, and light refreshments may be obtained. A walk may be made along the road above **Buena Vista Park** which leads down by **Pebbly Beach,** and a return made along the seashore. This is a beautiful expedition, and an hour and a half should be sufficient for a good walker. Or a visit may be made to the **Old Wireless Station** via St. John's Heights, returning by the Coach Road; this will take about forty minutes.

For Those Spending Two Days at Avalon.

If the stay is extended over two nights, we strongly advise that either the morning or the afternoon of the second day should be spent in a **fishing expedition on a launch.** This costs $5.00, but it is well worth-while, as it will give a reminiscence that will last a life time.

Bathing at Avalon

A visit to **Descanso** should be included and if the tide is low the energetic will like to ascend **Sugar Loaf,** from which there is a beautiful view of Avalon.

Also, the stage drive to the **Summit** is full of interest. If the fishing can be arranged for the afternoon, an expedition to the **Summit,** or by glass-bottom power-boat to **Moonstone Beach** (this trip includes a visit to the **Marine Gardens** at **Sugar Loaf** and along the coast and is well worth taking); or the **Isthmus,** may be taken in the morning. The arrangements for the fishing should be made on the previous day, application being made on the **Pleasure Pier** to the owners of launches. If the fishing expedition takes place in the morning, the afternoon may advantageously be spent by an expedition to the **Summit,** or failing this, to **Descanso Canyon** or **Pebbly Beach.**

A charming walk can be taken inland past the **Golf Links** to **"Chicken Johnnie's;"** or a game of golf or tennis may be played, for which all requisites can be rented at the **Golf House;** or a row-boat may be hired at the **Pleasure Pier.**

For those who stay more than two nights on the Island, we strongly recommend the **complete trip round the Island.** For this excursion the boat starts at 9 o'clock and returns about 5 p. m., lunch being served at the **Isthmus,** and included in the cost of the trip. The scenery on the other side of the Island is magnificent and full of interest.

The Seals.

A constant source of interest and amusement are the **seals** which frequent the **Bay of Avalon,** and who make their home at **Seal Rocks,** some three miles away. These seals are not of the species which supply the valuable seal-skin, but are considerably larger, and from the roar which they make when they are hungry have acquired the title of **Sea-lions.** During the day time some of them are almost always to be seen near the Pleasure Pier.

"Old Ben" on the Parade at Avalon.

These seals have become very tame, so much so that they often seize the fish that have been caught as soon as they are thrown upon the landing float. Sometimes they can be tempted on to the pier, or even on to the road. Though in appearance they are very ferocious, they have never been known to harm anyone.

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Hunting

There are a large number of wild goats in all parts of the Island except in the immediate vicinity of the town of Avalon, but the best ground for hunting is in the Salta Verde district, where a large section of the Island has been cut off by fences and reserved for hunting purposes.

Visitors who wish to hunt have to employ the services of a guide, who will at least give them the opportunity of showing what they can do with a rifle. Application should be made at the Information Bureau, where guides and horses, and if necessary, rifles can be hired. No hunting is permitted unless a guide is taken.

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Row-boat Fishing

Row-boats can be hired at the Pleasure Pier, and the sum charged covers the hire of fishing tackle and bait. An "anchor" should be taken to secure the boat from drifting with the tide. Some of the best spots for hand-line fishing are off the **Sugar Loaf,** beyond **Descanso Beach,** beside the kelp-bed off the **Torqua Springs,** off the rock between **Moonstone Beach** and **White's Landing,** off **Abalone Point,** and off **Jewfish Point.** These are some of the best spots, but just outside any bed of kelp is sure to be a good place for fishing; while **there is no place in the sea near Avalon where large fish may not be caught.**

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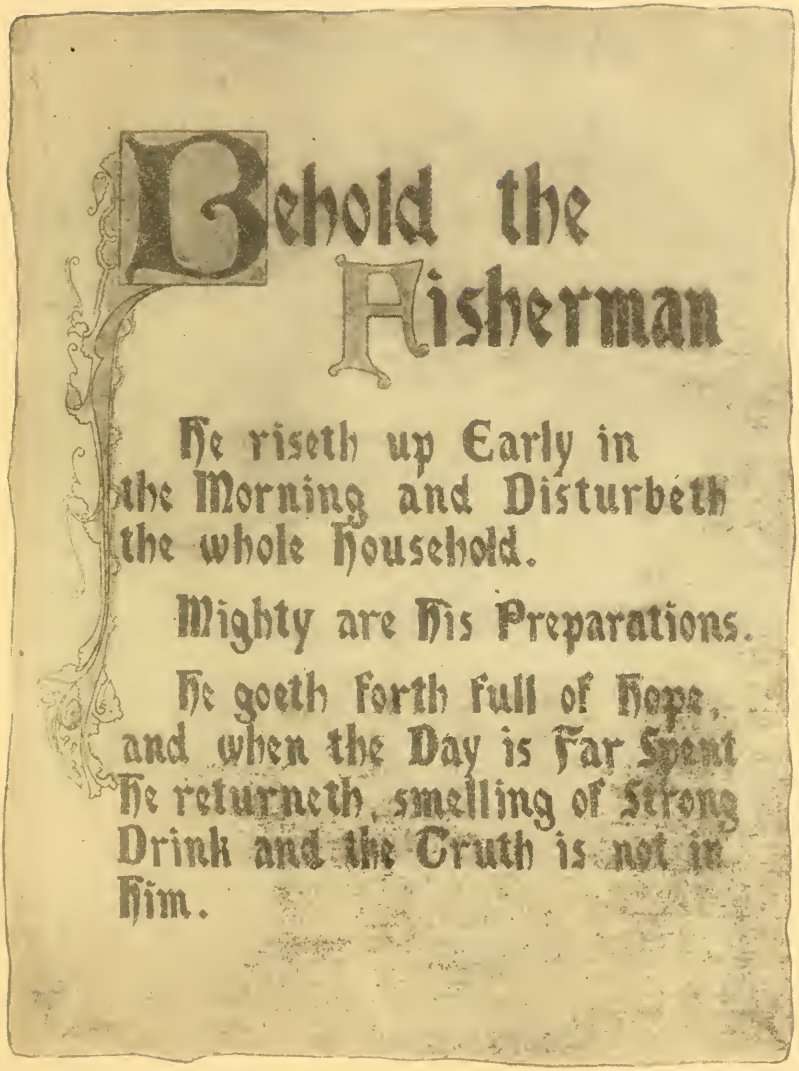

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The Speed Motor Boats and the Flying Fish

The **swift Motor-Boats** that have lately been introduced at Avalon have added a fresh pleasure for the visitors. These light launches, with their powerful engines, skim over the water at some fifteen or even twenty miles an hour, and an excursion in them is very delightful both in day-time and especially at night. The night trip is indeed an extraordinary experience! The boat is armed with a powerful searchlight which sweeps over the sea in every direction. As the beams hit the water, the flying fish, which seem to exist in innumerable multitudes, are disturbed by it and rise at once into the air. Scores of them may be seen at the same time, flying under the beams of the searchlight; flashes of the most brilliant silver hurtling through the air. Sometimes a misguided fish will fly straight for the searchlight and arrive in the boat in the midst of the passengers, and on some trips dozens have been caught in this manner.

The whole trip is weird and extraordinary to the last degree. The searchlight playing upon the steep mountain sides, arousing the seals from their sleep at Seal Rocks, lighting up the waters on every side is an experience which everyone who visits Avalon should make a point of recording in their memory. The credit of inventing this new sensation is due to the energy of Mr. McAfee, who first introduced the great searchlight to Avalon, and used it on **The Geco** to rouse the flying fish in 1912, and who has another record to his credit by being the first to make the circuit of the Island in 3½ hours on **The Catalina Flyer.**

Around the Island

The voyage round the island is a most delightful excursion and can be made either in one of the regular boats or in a large launch hired for the occasion. When the whole expedition is not practicable **The Isthmus** or, at least Moonstone Beach should be visited. **Wilson's Map** of the Island will be found most useful on the expedition.

Leaving the Pleasure Pier at Avalon we pass by **Lover's Cove** and **Abalone Point** and soon reach **Pebbly Beach, Look Out Point** and **Five Dollar Beach.** The Indians who dwelt here made use of the high rock at the point as a "look out" for their boats returning from the mainland or from fishing. **Pebbly Beach** is by far the largest beach on the whole Island, and has a lovely canyon behind it. On **Five Dollar Beach** a fisherman once lost a **five-dollar gold coin,** which has never been recovered, though the owner spent two weeks trying to find it. A lady's gold watch has also been lost here and is still somewhere among the rocks and there is still another story connected with it, which would certainly give it an additional claim to be considered the real "**treasure beach**" of the Island.

A certain merchant in Avalon, not possessing a burglar proof safe, was in the habit of hiding his day's takings every evening in a place where it was exceedingly unlikely to be sought for, even by the most enterprising burglar; viz, at the bottom of his garbage can. One morning he overslept himself, and the garbage man arrived and removed the contents of the can before the proprietor of the store woke up. It is the custom to carry all the garbage along the coast as far as Five Dollar Beach, before it is dumped; and a good part of the next day was spent by the proprietor in raking over the garbage at this beach to recover the hundred dollars in silver which had been his previous day's takings!

We next come to **Jew Fish Point,** where the fisherman drops his line when he cannot catch fish anywhere else, and usually finds something; and then we turn round at Seal Rocks, the end of the island where the **sea lions** live, and sleep and roar and bring up their babies.

Church Rock

We are now in the great yellowtail fishing grounds, and pass **Middle Rock,** which marks the middle of the ground; and next we come to **Church Rock,** standing well away from the shore, and as we approach it looks like a cathedral with a high spire.

Then **Binnacle Rock** stands up like the binnacle of a ship in front of us, and looks like a good place for a bold diver to dive from, if he could get to the top. From here looking out to sea we have a fine view of **Clemente Island,** which may be visited on another occasion.

Soon after this we come to the cliffs at the end of the **Avalon Canyon,** and then we pass under

Ben Weston's

the **Palisades**, a very remarkable precipice fifteen hundred feet high. The angle is steep, but not quite perpendicular, and the rocks are water-worn into long, straight, upright ridges, which look like huge palisades.

We next come to **Silver Canyon**, where the beach is marked by a large rock called **Silver Canyon Rock**. The entrance to this canyon is very narrow, but behind it widens out and forms a popular camping ground in the summer and autumn months.

We here pass the **Salta Verde**, a wide, open slope, which is a great grazing ground for the sheep. The name "Salta Verde," the "Green Leap," is taken from a high precipice which is covered with verdure in the rainy season. It is on this coast that we come across a remarkable range of color cliffs; the predominating color of the rocks seems to be lavender or light mauve, but yellow, red, pink, green and grey all blend together producing a most beautiful effect.

As we pass down the coast we notice a quantity of **volcanic ash** and from this point looking backward, we get a magnificent view of the cliffs near the end of the Island. The high ridges seem to come down from the mountains and to have been cut off almost sheer, forming cliffs nearly five hundred feet high, right down into the sea.

We next come to **China Point**, which is a famous smuggling ground for Chinamen. Nearly a score were caught in 1911. It seems that the practice has been to land Chinamen who are endeavoring to enter America on San Clemente Island, which is further from the

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coast than Catalina. They then make their way in a launch to China Point, which is a very desolate spot. Here a pretence is made of carrying on an abalone fishery, and the would-be immigrants are made use of for capturing abalones until an opportunity comes of shipping them to the mainland. It is exceedingly difficult to catch them in this neighborhood, as a lookout is kept from the hills behind, and at the least appearance of danger any new comers can easily hide themselves and the officers find a harmless camp of abalone fishermen. It is rumored that some have been sent across, in disguise, by means of the passenger boat from Avalon, which would be a very simple method of entrance into the country and one not easy to detect.

Beyond this we come to **Ben Weston's Beach**, which is a sandy but unsafe landing. It is here that two canyons come down to the sea, on the left **Middle Ranch Canyon**, and on the right **Bullrush Canyon**, both are narrow at this point, but they widen inland and stretch far into the heart of the Island. This Beach is named from an old time squatter who kept sheep here many years ago, and the point just passed is also named for him.

A little further on we come to **Cottonwood Canyon**, an excellent camping ground, with its groves of Cottonwood trees and a pretty waterfall.

We now come to **Little Harbor**, a double harbor divided by great rocks in the center. The beach on the right of these rocks is dangerous from the breakers, but that on the left is well protected and forms an excellent landing. This harbor, which may be called a secret one, as when we visited it, it was not until we were right inside that we discovered the boat of some Japanese fishermen, who were diving after abalones. Probably they were also engaged in smuggling. On the shore near the beach there are the remains of an old hotel and a couple of houses, and at a short distance back the coach-road, which runs both to Avalon and the Isthmus, may be seen on the side of the hill.

As we pass down the coast the scenery continues to be wild and rugged; there are grand cliffs some three hundred feet high, and red hills tinged with yellow with but scanty vegetation and a few bushes that stand out individually from the bare ground.

As we go down the coast towards **Lobster Bay** the last thing in the world we could imagine would be that we were right at the mouth of the best harbor in the whole Island, or indeed of the whole district. In our youth we used often to read stories about pirates. The great necessity for pirates seems to have been a secret harbor, one to which they could retire and which no one else knew about, a harbor which they could enter by a winding passage and conduct their ship behind the hills where no one who did not know the entrance would have a chance to find them. There must be a high hill close by where one of the crew can watch for the "fat merchantman" sailing up the coast. When the booty has been secured, there must be a harbor of refuge where it can be disposed of in due season; and there must be a sandy beach where the pirate ship may be careened and the barnacles scraped off its sides, which might hinder its swift progress. When chased by revenue cutters it dodges behind an Island and then completely vanishes. Such is **Catalina Harbor!** It is known that it was used by pirates even as late as the middle of the last century and it seems impossible to believe that there can be another harbor in all the world so admirably fitted for pirates as Catalina Harbor. One might sail a dozen times up and down the coast and never find it; and the pirates who were numerous at one time on this coast undoubtedly made use of it. Naturally they have left no remains behind them, except perhaps the treasure concealed at Treasure Beach.

The highest point in this part of the Island is called **Silver Peak**, nearly two thousand feet high, and below it are steep precipices. From these the land slopes down more gradually to the sea, the color of the ground being very brilliant; a mixture of yellow ochre and burnt sienna would perhaps paint the color of these hills. The whole appearance of this end of the Island is exceedingly wild and desolate, and the word which probably best describes it is "inhospitable."

Passing near to **Bull's Head**, we notice with interest the **Ribbon Rocks** where the dark cliffs are marked with white strata some two feet wide, and which look like ribbons. At one spot near the head there is a peculiar white patch of an entirely different kind of rock which is of a rather remarkable nature..

The scenery down this section of the coast is exceedingly wild and rugged. There is practically only one place where a landing is possible, viz., in **Iron Bound Bay.** In the center of this Bay there is what is called **Spring Landing**, and in calm weather a skiff might perhaps be safely brought to shore. We doubt whether anyone has landed on this beach for years, as there are but few attractions here. Where the cliffs are not perpendicular, they are exceedingly steep, and if anyone had business on the mountain side he could get there much more easily from the other side of the Island.

Soon we come to **Treasure Beach**, where tradition says that certain pirates hid their treasure. Whether the treasure is still there or not no one now will ever know as a large landslide has occurred which has dumped a great mass of stones and earth upon the beach and safely protects the treasure which does or does not lie beneath it.

Next we pass near **Eagle Rock**, some way from the shore, with an eagle's nest on top of it about eighty feet above the sea. The eagles still use this nest and young eagles may be seen there every spring. The coast-line here is grand and broken; the Pacific rollers dash upon every point, and spouting caves are numerous.

We next come to **Land's End**, a very sharp point of solid rock, which forms a fitting end to the Island, and turning round we soon see **Smuggler's Glen**, where there is not much of a glen, and where the smugglers have naturally not left any remains behind. The goats on this part of the shore should especially be noticed

They are supposed to be the old, wild goats which originally inhabited the Island before the Franciscan Fathers introduced another variety. They have silvery grey coats, and are very large in size. They resemble the Angora goat, but probably they have "crossed" to a certain extent with the other goats on the Island so may have lost some of their qualities.

We soon reach **Parsons' Beach**, where the foundations of a shack built by an old-time sailor of the name of Parsons, may still be seen. Some half mile or so back from this beach there are the remains of a house where a French miner, Bouchet by name, lived for many years. Local traditions still tell of the splendid furniture this house contained, but it seems that even this was not considered by Madame Bouchet to be sufficient compensation for her retirement from the joys of Paris.

Eagle Rock

From the excavations which he left behind him, it is evident that this miner went deep into the heart of Catalina Island, but what he found there no one knows as he was not of a communicative nature. Anyhow it seems to have been sufficient to enable him to return with Madame Bouchet to his native land, where it is hoped they lived to a good and comfortable old age.

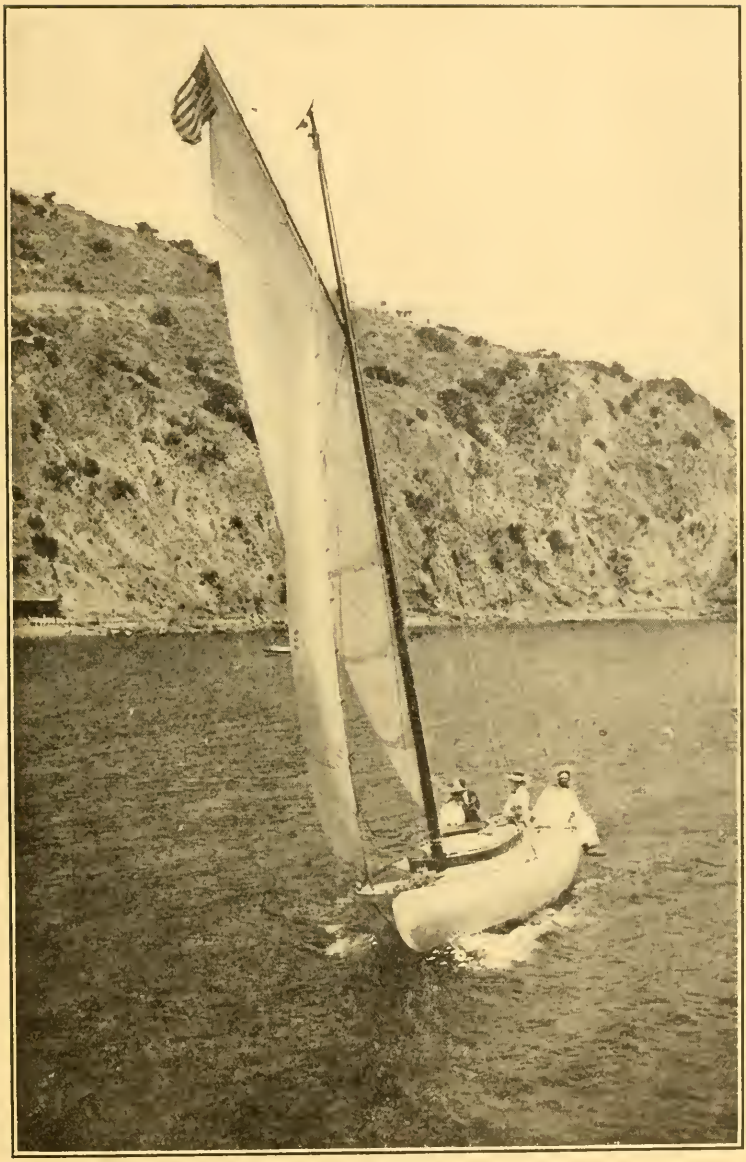
Ram Point (or **Arrow Point** as it is sometimes called), with its magnificent cliffs, comes next, and we then pass close to **Indian Rock**, a small island which was used as a burying ground by the Indians in early days and which is situated in **Emerald Bay**, so called from the beautiful transparent green which is the remarkable coloring of the water in the bay.

On the shore of Emerald Bay is found **Johnson's Landing**, where once a good house stood, with brick porches and large pillars, having moldings and decorations, which show that the original Johnson must have been a man of some wealth and some taste. Here also at one time there was a large mining camp.

Beyond the next point we come to **Howland's**, where the coach-road ends. It was here that a rancher of that name lived for many years, and kept a large number of sheep upon this part of the Island. His three sons have now migrated to San Clemente, where they hold a lease from the Government and conduct a large sheep ranch. The shack where the family once lived may be seen upon the beach. Near to Howland's there is a new little house which was built one Sunday in the winter of 1911, for a man named Sullivan, who had lived for many years on Bird Island, but who happened at that time to be homeless. A party of working men from Avalon arranged to have a "building bee" and came over bright and early one Sunday morning and put the house right up, and left it standing when they went away at night.

Beyond we come to **Cherry Canyon.** In the background one can see a grove of evergreen cherry trees some forty feet in height; and some little distance further along the coast we notice a water tank on the hill-side, which is used for supplying the Isthmus with water. The bluff north of the beach forms a good likeness to a **Lion's Head**, and gives a name to this point; and on the slopes of the hills **the coach-road**, which has come by another route than ours all the way from Avalon, will be observed.

The next beach is called **Fourth of July Harbor**, and we now come to the **Isthmus**



"Ideal Sailing"
A Brisk Breeze and a Smooth Sea

where the Island is only about half a mile wide. The Isthmus has been planted with trees, and there are a few houses here which are inhabited in the summer time. Mr. J. B. Banning has erected a beautiful home which may be seen on the left, and at the back are the Government barracks which were erected for the accommodation of a number of soldiers who at one time were maintained here. On the the other side of the Isthmus we come to **Catalina Harbor** which we have already visited.

Leaving the **Isthmus Cove** we pass on the right **Fisherman's Cove**, which is the only absolutely safe harbor for fishing boats in all weathers in this part of the Island. As the Cove is small,staples have been fastened into the rock to which the fishermen may attach the ropes that hold their boats. At the back of the Cove is the charming little summer residence of Mrs. Trask, who is well-known for the researches she has made into the habits of the Indians who lived on this Island.

As we pass the point we have a very fine view of **Ship Rock**, which at a distance is like an old fashioned ship at full sail, and which is so "life-like" as easily to deceive anyone who does not know that it is really a rock. At a shorter distance we notice **Bird Rock**, a large flat rock, much frequented by sea birds.

At the next point we come to **Perdition Caves**, which if possible should be entered; this, however, is only practicable with a row-boat and in calm weather. There is a large cave which has the appearance of a great, blue cavern, with the clear, blue water and red gold-fish swimming in it down below. On some portions of the walls and roof red ochre may be noticed, which it is believed that the Indians used for painting their faces. At the end of the large cave there is a long narrow passage to the right which passes under the point and reaches the sea on the other side. At high tide in very calm weather a small boat is able to pass through this underground cavern.

Further on we may see a **Spouting Cave.** Many similar caves may be observed at different parts of the shore of the Island. The spoutings are made by the water dashing into caves beneath the surface of the sea and being expelled by the air which is compressed by the waves as they enter. The foam is sometimes thrown some 40 or 50 feet high.

We then come to the **Stone Quarries**, with its abandoned buildings still standing, and notice the **Devil's Slide**, a very steep gully running straight down the face of the rock into the sea from a height of about five hundred feet.

We next come to **Empire Landing**, at the back of which we can see the derricks of the stone quarries where the beautiful serpentine stone is hewn from its native resting place. It is here that sheep are landed for Middle Ranch, a way between two wire fences leads the sheep to the ranch some six miles inland. A large ancient townsite is situated near this Landing and a ledge of steatite from which the Indians carved their "ollas" or mortars.

We next pass a little beach which is not dignified by a name, and up the hill to the left we see what looks like a very large bear, but which is really vegetable in nature, and considerably larger than the wild animal to which it has a striking resemblance.

The next point is called **Gibraltar** from its resemblance to the better known and certainly larger rock of the same name, and we now pass along a shore with steep cliffs and perpendicular rocks, many of them red in color and fantastic in shape. Here eagles, herons, ravens, cormorants and gulls, and many other sea birds may be seen in large numbers. One point in these rocks goes by the name of **Shag Rookery**, where the cliffs have many ledges on which the sea birds roost at night by thousands.

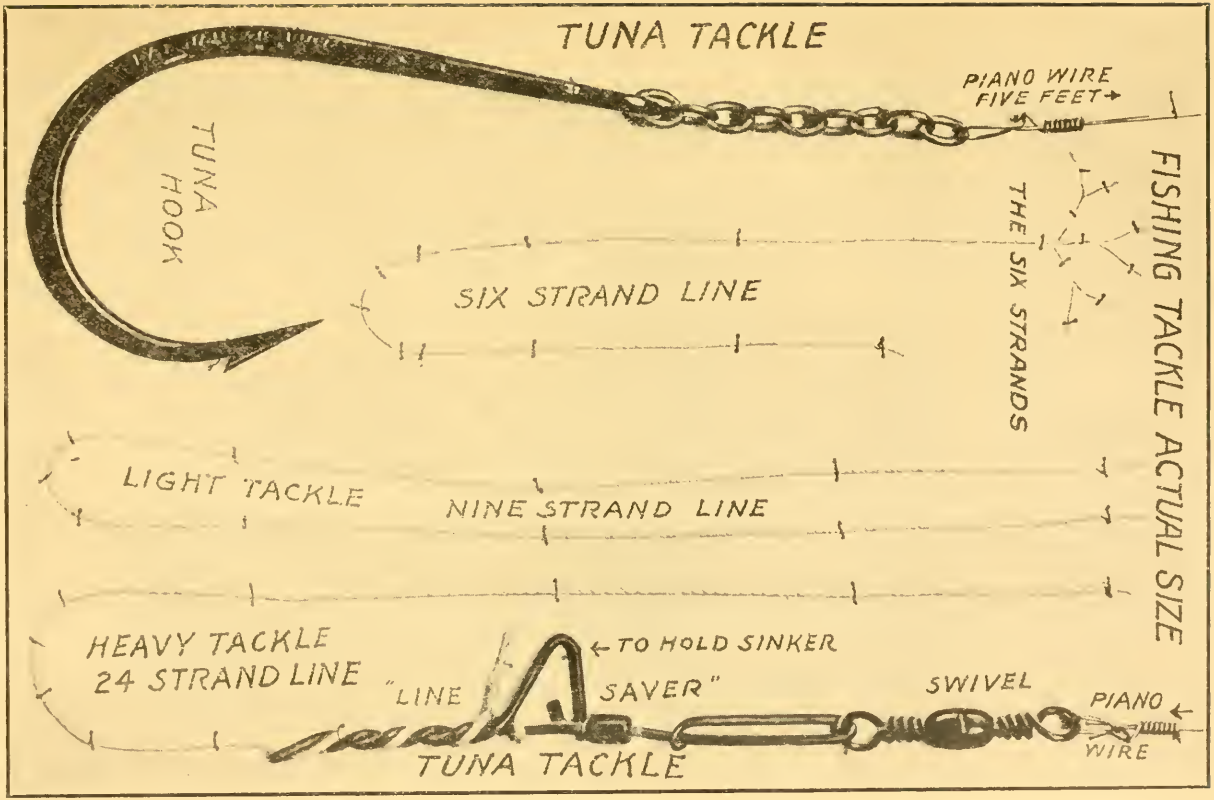
Next comes **Goat Harbor**, which at one time was the landing place for **Middle Ranch.** Two trails will be noticed leading up from the harbor. The one on the right leads to Middle Ranch; the left one to an old silver mine back up the canyon, which is steep but beautifully wooded with cherry trees. There is a good well near the beach. Just before Goat Harbor we come to **Chimney Beach**, so called from the ruins of an old chimney of a pre-historic stone house which lies a short way back. There is a rock standing out into the sea which goes by the name of **Chimney Rock.**

The next point will be identified by the **Twin Rocks** and the towering peak above which is called **Pinnacle Peak.** After passing this we come to the **Italian Gardens**, so called from the Italian fishermen who used to come here from the mainland and who dried their nets upon this beach, making it look something like a garden.

A short distance beyond the gardens there is a spot close to the shore where the water is always brilliantly green and which is known as the **Green Spot**; and beyond this comes **Long Point**, which marks the widest part of the Island. It is about seven miles from here to China Point.

Close round **Long Point** we come to **Buttonshell** Beach, where shells may be found, and soon afterwards we come to **White's Landing**, a wide and open canyon stretching right back to the foot of **Black Jack.** For many years a hermit named Swain, an old sea captain, lived in the shack which still remains upon this beach. It is believed, however, that he was preceded by another hermit who gave his name to the Landing, and planted the trees under which his home was situated. Near the Landing there are some fine rocks and a **Roaring Cave** which can be penetrated by the daring when attired in bathing costume.

Further on we come to **Moonstone Beach**, visited every day by the glass-bottom motor boats, and where moonstones may actually be found, for even though it is hunted over so continually, fresh stones are washed up by the recurring tides. To the left as we enter Moonstone Beach there is the **Cave of the Spooks**, which at certain times of the tide utters most mournful sounds, two distinct notes being audible at a distance of half mile or more. This is caused by the water of the tide filling the cave and compressing the air which finds an exit at the top. Anyone who has heard it on a quiet day will agree that it is mournful enough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to satisfy all the spooks of all the dead and gone Indians who ever lived on Catalina Island. Rumor says that the tone of the spook's voice has been improved by art. There is another **Spook Cave** at the head of Long Point, so that the spooks may be said to call to one another across the bay.

The next point of interest is **Torqua Spring** which is marked by a large reservoir, where fresh water can be obtained if it is needed. The spring is named after the Indian hero of Professor Holder's romance of Catalina (a good book for boys). Off Torqua Spring there is a great bank of kelp which makes an excellent fishing ground for row-boats and hand-lines.

A short distance further on we come to **Willow Cove,** where there is a charming little house which was owned by Mr. Carraher, but which has lately passed to other hands.

Further on we come to a wider beach called **Camp Banning,** a canyon at the foot of **Mount Banning** where the boys from the Whittier Reform School make their camp every summer. At least it is not strictly every summer, as if any of the boys attempt to escape from the camp they are all kept at home the following summer and lose their outing When the boys have left the Island the girls have their turn on the beach.

Next we come to **Gallagher's Beach,** a beautiful curve of shelving sand with a reef of rocks running out into the sea. These rocks can be climbed with ease and the fish can be seen swimming in the deep waters amongst the beautiful sea-weeds. This beach is an ideal spot for a row-boat picnic.

A little further on **Frog Rock** will be easily recognized; and then comes **Hamilton Beach,** where row-boats are stored during the winter and repaired for summer use. Many an old boat finds its last resting place on this beach. And after this **Descanso Canyon,** where the beautiful home of Mr. Hancock Banning is situated; which is followed by **Sugar Loaf** and **Avalon Harbor.**

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Prices

The undermentioned prices are the charges usually made during the summer season at Avalon. They are given for the general information of visitors, but are not to be considered as being in any way official. Out of the season lower prices may be obtained in some instances, notably in the rent of houses.

Accommodation in Hotels, Rooming Houses and Tents, from 50 cents a day, upward.

Tents, Small Tent for two persons, $6.00 a week.

Large Tent for four persons, $11.00 to $14.00 per week; $2.00 a week extra for each additional person.

Kitchen Tents, $1.50 a week.

In all cases a reduction is made when taken for a longer period.

Furnished Houses may be rented from about $25.00 a week, upward.

All Glass-Bottom Boats, per trip, 50 cents each person.

Speed Motor-Boats—

Short trip to Seal Rocks or Moonstone Beach	$0.50
To Isthmus	1.00

Excursion Launches—

To Isthmus—Lunch included	1.00
Round the Island, Lunch included	1.50

Fishing Launches—

Half Day, $5.00; Whole Day, $10.00.

Large Launches, Half Day, $6.00; All Day, $12.00 or $15.00.

Special terms when hired by the week. These prices include the use of rods, lines and bait.

Sailing Boats—

One hour, $1.00; two hours, $1.50; half day, $2.00.

All day, $3.50.

Small Sloop, $4.00 a day.

Row Boats—

One hour, 25 cents; half day, $1.00; all day, $1.50.

These prices include the use of hand-lines and bait. Fishing Rods may be rented.

By the week, Flat-bottom Boats, $4.00; Round-bottom Boats, $5.00.

Driving, Stage Coach to Summit, Round Trip, $1.00.

Riding Horses, $3.00 per day.

Hunting, Goats, Quail and Doves. Horses, $3.00 each. Guide $5.00. A horse must be taken for the guide.

Rifles and Shot Guns, 50 cents a day.

Hotels. In the following is a list of Hotels, the numbers and letters are references to the locations as shown on **Wilson's Map of Avalon.**

HOTELS			
1 Grand View	C4	6 Metropole	D4, 5
2 Pacific	C4, 5	7 Stamford	D5
3 Bay View	CD4	8 Hermosa	D5
4 Rose	C4	9 Central	D5
5 Catalina	C5	10 Del Mar	D5
		11 Glenmore	D5

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